

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Ken-ichi HAYASHI et al.

Application No.: New Rule 1.53(b) Div.
Appln.

Filed: July 21, 2003

Prior Application:

Group Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: Maria Alexandria Elve

Attorney Dkt. No.: 59556.00006

For: MARKING METHOD AND MARKING APPARATUS USING MULTIPLE PHOTON ABSORPTION, MARKED OPTICAL ELEMENT MANUFACTURED BY USING THE MARKING METHOD AND THE MARKING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 21, 2003

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. This Preliminary Amendment complies with the amendment format as set forth in the OG Notice at 1267 OG 106, published on February 25, 2003. .

Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 2.

Remarks are submitted on page 5.